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Columbia Bars Student For His CIA Protest

Rejecting the milder punishment suggested by an advisory panel, Columbia University has suspended one student, and disciplined and censured 13 others for participating in a protest against recruitment on campuses by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The suspended student is George Gruenthal, a junior, and he will be out for the academic year 1967-68. An advisory panel had recommended more lenient discipline, but president Grayson Kirk in handling down the final ruling said:

"Because Mr. Gruenthal was already under censure for a previous violation of regulations, I have concluded that a one-year suspension should be absolute and final."

Gruenthal had been censured for participating in a May 7 demonstration against the naval ROTC.

However Kirk recommended a lighter sentence for Robert Dillon of the graduate division. The panel had originally recommended that he be deprived of his fellowship but Kirk said that "disciplinary penalties should be separated from penalties of a financial nature."

Disciplinary probation, meaning one or more violation and

a student is suspended, was given to eight others.

In several cases the probation was just for this semester, in others to extend through the fall term of this year.

Censure, a milder form of action, was meted out to two students, and a letter of admonition, an even milder form of censure, was given in one case.

In announcing his action, Kirk said "though peaceful picketing is authorized, recourse to violence by any student group is not."

The executive committee of Columbia's Student Council condemned Gruenthal's suspension. "We feel that this punishment will be taken as an attack on the right of students to express their own views. By kicking Gruenthal off campus and allowing the CIA to recruit, the university places the rights of an off-campus government organization as greater than the rights of the student."

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